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C O N F I D E N T I A L KUWAIT 1652

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: MASS, KU
SUBJECT: VISIT OF KUWAITI DELEGATION TO FINALIZE M109
HOWITZER PURCHASE

REF: A. KUWAIT 0784 DTG 090915Z FEB 78 (NOTAL)
B. STATE 035520 DTG 072052Z MAR 78 (NOTAL)

1. BASED ON CONTENTS OF REF B, THE GOK, MINISTRY OF
DEFENSE HAS TRANSMITTED A REQUEST TO THE KUWAIT EMBASSY IN
WASHINGTON INSTRUCTING THE SENIOR MILITARY LIAISON OFFICER
TO ARRANGE A SELF-INVITED VISIT FOR A THREE OR FOUR KUWAITI
OFFICE DELEGATION TO VISIT CONUS IN CONNECTION WITH THE GOK
PURCHASE OF TWO COMPLETE BATTALIONS OF 155 MM SP HOWITZERS.

2. SINCE WE CANNOT BE CERTAIN WHEN THE KUWAIT EMBASSY
WILL FORWARD THE REQUEST TO DAMI-FL, OR OF THE SPECIFIC
CONTENTS OF THE REQUEST, BELIEVE IT IS IMPORTANT FOR ALCON
TO BE INFORMED OF WHAT WE BELIEVE TO BE GOK DESIRES REGARDING
THIS VISIT. INFO FOLLOWS:

A. DATE AND DURATION OF VISIT -- STARTING FIRST WEEK
OF APRIL 78 FOR A PERIOD OF APPROX THREE WEEKS.

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B. PLACES DESIRED TO VISIT--

- (1) PENTAGON -- DSAA AND DA
- (2) FT SILL, OK -- THE USA FA CENTER
- (3) SAN JOSE, CA -- FMC CORPORATION

C. PURPOSE OF VISIT --

- (1) TO FINALIZE REQUIREMENTS PERTAINING TO GOK
PURCHASE OF TWO COMPLETE BATTALIONS OF M109A1B

HOWITZERS. (WASH DC AREA)

(2) TO DISCUSS AND OBSERVE, WHERE POSSIBLE, THE FOLLOWING: (FT SILL, OK).

(A) M109A1B HOWITZER FIRINGS TO INCLUDE THE ROCKET ASSISTED PROJECTILE (RAP) ROUND.

(B) TRACK RECOVERY VEHICLE, M88

(C) TRAINING DEVICES/SIMULATORS/AIDS/EQUIPMENT USED BY THE U.S. ARMY IN THE TRAINING OF ARTILLERY UNITS AND INDIVIDUALS.

(D) ARTILLERY TARGET LOCATING DEVICES. FYI.

THE AN/TPQ-36 AND AN/TPQ-37 RADARS ARE NOT RELEASABLE TO KUWAIT UNDER NATIONAL DISCLOSURE POLICY. THE KUWAITI'S HAVE BEEN TOLD THIS AND THAT THE DELEGATION SHOULD NOT EXPECT THESE ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED OR DEMONSTRATED. ALSO, PRIOR TO DISCUSSING ANY OTHER EQUIPMENT IN THE CATEGORY, STATE AND DOD MUST CONCUR. END FYI.

(E) BATTALION AND BATTERY FIRE DIRECTION OPERATIONS AND ORGANIC EQUIPMENT.

(3) TO OBSERVE PRODUCTION OF VARIOUS MODELS OF M113A1 SERIES VEHICLES (FMC CORPORATION, SAN JOSE, CA).

FYI. THE GOK HAS RECENTLY PURCHASED 175 OF THESE VEHICLES AND DESIRES THAT DELEGATION VISIT PLANT DURING VISIT TO CONUS. END FYI.

3. ALTHOUGH EMBASSY AND GOK ARE AWARE ITINERARY FOR VISIT IS AT DISCRETION OF DOD ELEMENTS, THE FOLLOWING IS CONFIDENTIAL

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SUBMITTED FOR CONSIDERATION:

DATE (APRIL) EVENT

4 ARRIVE WASH DCD

5-7 DISCUSS LOA CONTENTS

7 DEPART WASH DC, ARRIVE FT. SILL, OK

8-9 OPEN

10-14 OBSERVE M109A1B FIRINGS. DISCUSS AND OBSERVE EQUIPMENT.

15 DEPART FT. SILL, OK. ARRIVE SAN JOSE, CA.

16 OPEN

17-19 VISIT FMC

20-22 OPEN

23 DEPART SAN JOSE, CA. ARRIVE WASH DC

24-25 FINAL LOA DISCUSSIONS

26 DEPART WASH DC

4. ANTICIPATE DELEGATION WILL CONSIST OF TWO LIEUTENANT COLONELS AND ONE OR TWO MAJORS.

5. IF ADDITIONAL INFO DESIRED, PLEASE ADVISE.
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